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**INFORMATION LETTER NO. 08-01**

DATE: November 6, 2008

TO: California Boating Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Mary Thomas, Training Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2009 Boating Law Enforcement Training Calendar

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has released its 2009 boating law enforcement training calendar. The calendar along with course descriptions and registration forms are included in this memo. All department training courses are POST certified according to POST Plan IV. Attendance is limited to California Boating Safety and Enforcement Officers.

Please note that the training calendar information will no longer be mailed out in hard copy to agencies statewide. However, it will be available on the department's Web site at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/LawEnforce/LawEnfTrain.aspx>.

Law enforcement agencies requesting enrollment are required to fill out the appropriate registration form and either mail or fax it to the training unit at DBW. ***Registration forms are to be completed by training officers or supervisors.***

Please carefully review the course descriptions and prerequisites to ensure appropriate registration.

A \$50.00 late cancellation fee may be charged if received seven (7) calendar days or less before the first day of the class and a \$100.00 fee for no-shows will be charged for the following courses: *Boating Safety & Enforcement, Boating Intoxication Enforcement, Accident Investigation & Reconstruction, Advanced Accident Investigation, Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement and Personal Watercraft.* Agencies with students who fail to show may be unable to attend any department sponsored trainings for a period of three (3) years.

Non-POST reimbursable agencies requesting reimbursement through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) program will be required to submit a copy of the enrollment and material fee receipt for each student in addition to all other required documentation. Per diem expenses are reimbursed according to POST Plan IV guidelines. Please refer to our Web site at www.dbw.ca.gov for further detailed information on this process.

Effective November 3, 2008, the Master Certificate Program has been changed to the California Boating Safety Officer Core Training Certification Program.

Officers who have successfully completed a series of training courses may apply for a California Boating Safety Officer Core Training certificate. This Certificate Program consists of five training modules designed to provide a consistent minimum standard of boating, water rescue and enforcement skills.

The **required** training courses are:

- **Basic Boating Safety and Enforcement,**
- **Basic Boating Skills & Operations**
- **Rescue Boat Operations**

The **elective** courses are:

- **Accident Investigation**
- **Advanced Accident Investigation**
- **Boating Under the Influence**
- **Marine Fires**
- **Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement**
- **Personal Watercraft for Law Enforcement**

Classes may no longer be challenged.

Boating Safety and Enforcement Personnel who meet the following requirements are eligible to apply for a California Boating Safety Officer Core Training certificate:

- Successful completion of the **Boating Safety and Enforcement, Basic Boat Handling and Rescue Boat Operations** training modules and two of the 6 elective modules
- Currently employed by a public safety agency as a boating safety and enforcement officer with at least one year of field experience

The application process for will remain the same.

For further information please contact Mary Thomas at (916) 263-8185 or mthomas@dbw.ca.gov.

2009 Law Enforcement Training Schedule



BASIC BOATING SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT

February 9 - 13	Sacramento
March 9 - 13	San Diego
May 4 - 8	Castaic
June 15 - 19	Kelseyville

BOATING INTOXICATION ENFORCEMENT

January 7 - 8	Sacramento
January 12-13	Orange County

BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION / RECONSTRUCTION

February 23 - 27	Kelseyville
March 16 - 20	Kelseyville
March 23 - 25	Kelseyville **

**** Advanced Class**

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

April 20 - 23	Morro Bay
June 8 – 10 Swift water	TBA
October 19 - 22	Ventura

BASIC BOATING SKILLS & OPERATIONS

January 12 – 16	Redondo Beach
October 26 - 30	Redondo Beach
March 2-6	San Bernardino
October 5-9	San Bernardino

RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS

March 16 - 20	Los Angeles
October 19 - 23	Los Angeles

BOATING MARINE FIRES

January 19 - 23	Orange County
April 13 - 17	Orange County
December 7-11	Los Angeles

PILOTING & NAVIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

April 6 - 10	San Diego
October 12-16	San Diego

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Boating Safety and Enforcement

\$40.00 Tuition Fee

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and proof of successful completion of an DBW approved online boating safety course (<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/> or <http://www.boatus.com/>) within the past year.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for newly assigned marine patrol officers having designated authority under Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code who are [or will be] actively enforcing California boating laws. This course is designed to familiarize officers with the law and its interpretation, rules of the road, carriage requirements, safety inspections, towing, theories and practices of risk management, marlinspike and seamanship, etc.

Basic Boating Skills and Operations

COURSE COSTS: NONE

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and the successful completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement course within the past 5 years.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified introductory course for boating enforcement officers. This course is a hands-on course with a focus on boating skills in addition to the basic fundamentals of boat handling theory and characteristics, operational techniques, marlinspike, towing, etc.

Rescue Boat Operations

COURSE COSTS: NONE

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to marine patrol unit and the successful completion of the Basic Boat Handling (*previously Boating Skills and Operation*) course within the past 5 years.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for marine patrol officers who handle emergency rescue boats under varying conditions. These conditions include emergency response operations, towing, offshore operations, and search and recovery.

Boating Intoxication Enforcement

\$10.00 Tuition Fee

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, or a minimum of one year actively performing boating law enforcement duties.**

This 16-hour P.O.S.T. certified course is designed to update marine patrol officers on the current law regarding intoxicated vessel operation, with emphasis on current arrest procedures, chemical testing, report preparation, and courtroom preparation. The course also includes training in the use of Alcohol Gaze Nystagmus and introduces the use of Preliminary Alcohol Screening Devices with the intent of providing marine patrol officers additional enforcement techniques useful in detecting the high tolerance drinker. Marine patrol officers will acquire hands on experience during the wet lab section of the course.

Boating Accident Investigation and Accident Reconstruction

\$30.00 Tuition Fee

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course.**

This 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course teaches marine patrol officers technical accident reconstruction and accident scene management. Students will perform multiple investigations/reconstructions, become familiar with diagramming software and the navigation rules and operational laws as they apply to boating accidents. Students are required to complete an in-depth boating accident investigation report for the final exam.

Advanced Boating Accident Investigation and Reconstruction

\$20.00 Tuition Fee

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Accident Investigation and Reconstruction course, one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties including boat accident investigation, and writing vessel accident reports.**

This 24-hour P.O.S.T. certified course will teach the marine patrol officer the reconstructive principals involved in boat accident investigations, develop an understanding of boat dynamics during collision, understand the relationship of time, distance and reaction times and learn to use formulas to determine minimum speed.

Personal Watercraft for Law Enforcement

\$20.00 Tuition Fee

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit utilizing Personal Watercraft.**

A 32-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for marine patrol officers who operate personal watercraft (PWC) as a means of patrol and/or search and rescue applications. At the completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the technical handling characteristics of a PWC including slow and at speed operations, docking, reverse functions, towing, and enforcement operations. This class is a physically demanding course and students must be in good physical condition to participate.

Piloting and Navigation for Law Enforcement

\$40.00 Tuition Fee

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boat Handling course.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course designed to give the marine patrol officer the necessary background in the fundamentals of Piloting and Navigation. Areas of focus are: the general theory of charts, navigation instruments, aids to navigation, dead reckoning, radar and electronic navigation, culminating with classroom practical plotting problems and piloting exercises underway.

Boating - Marine Fires

COURSE COSTS: NONE

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified combination classroom and practical course designed to give marine patrol officers firsthand knowledge of the hazards of marine fire fighting. Marine patrol officers will receive the basic information from a lecture series and the experience of actual conditions from fighting live fires under controlled conditions.

BOATING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

I certify that I am the Boating Enforcement Training Officer and that the student(s) listed below have met the course prerequisite(s) and will provide verification on the first training day.

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Student(s) : _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and proof of successful completion of a DBW approved online boating safety course within the past year.

(<http://www.dbw.ca.gov> or <http://www.boatus.com>)

NOTE: Please review the prerequisite, cancellation and no-show fee policy stated on cover letter.

Email or fax this form to:

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Department of Boating and Waterways
2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 100
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BOATING INTOXICATION ENFORCEMENT

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s) : _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, or at least one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties.

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BASIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION & RECONSTRUCTION

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course.

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ADVANCED BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION/RECONSTRUCTION

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Accident Investigation and Reconstruction course, one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties including boat accident investigation, and writing vessel accident reports.

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PERSONAL WATERCRAFT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit utilizing Personal Watercraft

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PILOTING AND NAVIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Boat Handling course.

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BASIC BOATING SKILLS & OPERATIONS

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement course within the past 5 years.

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RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS

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Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s) : _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to marine patrol unit and completion of the Basic Boat Handling course within the past 5 years.

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BOATING MARINE FIRES

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to Marine patrol and one year of actively performing boating law enforcement duties.

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